CLAIMS:

1.   A method of recording a program comprised in a television signal, the television signal comprising program information including the real starting hour of at least a following program, characterized in that said method comprises the steps of:
    –   memorizing a theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded;
5   –   defining, among the following programs, a retained program satisfying a criterion of concordance relating to at least the memorized theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded and the real starting hour of the following program included in the program information comprised in the television signal; and
    –   recording the television signal on the basis of the real starting hour of the retained
10   program.

2.   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitted program information includes a real ending hour of the program, characterized in that said method comprises the steps of:
15 –   searching, during recording of the television signal corresponding to the retained program, a real ending hour of the program in said program information transmitted for the retained program, and
    –   stopping the recording at said real ending hour of the retained program.

20 3.   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitted program information includes an indicator of the development of the present program, characterized in that said method comprises the steps of:
    –   following said indicator of the development of the present program, and
    –   stopping the recording of the television signal during the absence of the indicator of
25   the development of the present program in said transmitted program information.

4.   A method as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said transmitted program information includes a real ending hour of the program, characterized in that said method comprises a step of memorizing a theoretical ending hour of the program to

be recorded, and in that said concordance criterion also relates to the memorized theoretical ending hour of the program to be recorded and to the real ending hour of the retained program in the program information comprised in the television signal.

5.   A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that said concordance criterion is defined, for example, by the existence of a temporal overlap between the broadcast timetable for the following program and that defined between the theoretical starting hour and the theoretical ending hour whose duration exceeds the broadcast timetable of the following program by more than 70%.

6.   A device for recording a program comprised in a television signal, the television signal comprising program information including the real starting hour of at least a following program, characterized in that said device comprises:

    –   means for memorizing a theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded;

    –   means for defining, among the following programs, a retained program satisfying a criterion of concordance relating to at least the memorized theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded and the real starting hour of the following program included in the program information comprised in the television signal, and

    –   means for recording the television signal on the basis of the real starting hour of the retained program.

7.   A television signal decoder, wherein the television signal comprises program information including the real starting hour of at least a following program, characterized in that said decoder comprises:

    –   means for memorizing a theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded;

    –   means for defining, among the following programs, a retained program satisfying a criterion of concordance relating to at least the memorized theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded and the real starting hour of the following program included in the program information comprised in the television signal, and

    –   means for controlling the recording of the television signal on the basis of the real starting hour of the retained program.

8.   A computer program product for a data processing unit, comprising a set of instructions for performing the steps of the method as claimed in any one of the dependent claims, when said program is performed by a data processing unit.